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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BRIEFING OF HOST GOVERNMENTS

REF: A) PRETORIA 108; B) DAR ES SALAAM 61

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD PREFER TO DELAY BRIEFING OF HOST
GOVERNMENTS UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED ALL OF STEVE LOW'S
REPORTS FROM THE FIELD (AS OF THIS TIME WE LACK INFORMATION
ON PRETORIA AND GABORONE MEETINGS). IF, HOWEVER, IT
APPEARS IMPERATIVE OR INESCAPABLE TO BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, PLEASE DO SO USING THE
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FOLLOWING GUIDELINES, UPDATING THEM AT YOUR DISCRETION
AS YOU RECEIVE INFORMATION ON PRETORIA, GABORONE DEVELOP-
MENTS.

A. IN RELATION TO CARVER/CHAND MAPUTO TALKS YOU SHOULD
NOTE THAT THERE WAS FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
TRANSITIONAL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. PRESIDENT MACHEL

SEEMED, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS, TO BE SATISFIED THAT LORD CARVER AND GENERAL CHAND HAD SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED MOZAMBICAN CONCERNS AND ATTITUDES IN EXPLAINING AND DEVELOPING OUR POSITIONS. HE STATED THAT IT WAS MOZAMBIQUE'S VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET TALKS BETWEEN THE PF AND

THE UK GOING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THIS POINT TO MUGABE AND NKOMO'S AIDE, SILUNDIKA.

B. THOUGH WE HAVE NOT SEEN REPORTS AS YET, WE KNOW THAT IN HIS TALKS IN PRETORIA AND GABORONE, LORD CARVER INTENDED TO REITERATE FIRM UK/US COMMITMENT TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD. HE PLANNED TO REAFFIRM TO OFFICIALS OF THOSE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AS HE HAD WITH THE MOZAMBICANS, US/UK DETERMINATION TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM BASED ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND TO ASSERT THAT A SETTLEMENT MUST INVOLVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL IMPORTANT NATIONALIST ELEMENTS IN ORDER TO WARRANT INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY. (SEE HELPFUL FCO STATEMENT OF JANUARY 9 WHICH WE ARE SENDING SEPTTEL AND TO WHICH YOU MIGHT REFER).

C. IN BRIEFING ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS AND OUR CONTACTS WITH SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA, YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON RELEVANT PORTIONS OF STATE 2377, OMITTING HOWEVER, SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 2B WHICH MIGHT GIVE CONFIDENTIAL

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MISIMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY FULLY CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS SUGGESTED IN THE SALISBURY TALKS, WEIGH THEM AGAINST OUR OWN PROPOSALS, AND FIND THEM GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. VANCE

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